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SUBJ: CCMS SPRING 1976 PLENARY: ROUNDTABLE

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1. AS INSTRUCTED (REF A), WE TRANSMITTED IN MID-JANUARY TO ASYG
OZDAS TEXT OF 12/22/75 TRAIN LETTER TO FAIRCLOUGH (UK DEPT
OF ENVIRONMENT AND HMG REP TO CCMS), IN WHICH TRAIN EXPRESSED
US SUPPORT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RISK MANAGEMENT TOPIC PROPOSED
BY UK FOR SPRING 1976 CCMS PLENARY ROUNDTABLE; LETTER ALSO
FLAGGED US DESIRE TO RPOMOTE BROADER DISCUSSION BY CCMS REPS
OF OVERALL ISSUE OF INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION OF MARINE ENVIR-
ONMENT AT LATER POINT IN PLENARY AGENDA WHEN NEW PILOT STUDY
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PROPOSED BY FRANCE ON CONTROL OF MARINE POLLUTION COMES UP
FOR CONSIDERATION BY CCMS.

2. FRG NATO DEL HAS JUST SENT LETTER TO CCMS SECRETARY KLETTE

(COPIED TO OTHER DELS), EXPRESSING FRG VIEWS ON ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION, AS FOLLOWS: VERY MUCH INLINE WITH OURS.

BEGIN TEXT:

(1) MY AUTHORITIES WELCOME THE BRITISH PROPOSAL TO DISCUSS THE SUBJECT: "HOW TO OBTAIN IN REALISTIC ASSESSMENT OF POLLUTION HAZARDS AND TO DETERMINE ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS ON THE BASIS ON ACCEPTABLE LEVELS OF RISK" DURING THE CCMS PLENARY SESSION ON APRIL 27/28, 1976.

(2) IN OUR VIEW THE FOLLOWING SHOULD BE BORNE I MIND DURING THE DISCUSSION OF THIS TOPIC.

THE DISCUSSION SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON A GENERAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS OF THE BASIC POLICIES AND POSITIONS OF MEMBER STATES CONCERNING THE DETERMINATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS DETAILED TECHNICAL QUESTIONS SHOULD BE AVOIDED BECAUSE AN EXCHANGE OF IVEWS ON SPECIFIC SUBJECTS WOULD NOT FALL WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION. THERE SHOULD BE NO DUPLICATION OF WORK WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE OF THE EC, WHERE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS IN THE COMMUNITY IS UNDER PERMANENT CONSIDERATION.

(3) MY AUTHORITIES REGARD THE TOPIC PROPOSED BY THE UK AS A FUNDAMENTAL ISSUE OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY. IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE MAXIMUM BENEFIT THEY SUGGEST TO HAVE ALL NATIONAL STATEMENTS AVAILABLE IN WRITING AT THE LATEST DURING THE ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION. MOREOVER, THEY THINK THAT IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL TO STRUCTURE THE DISCUSSION EITHER BY DEFINING THE SUBJECT EVEN MORE PRECISELY OR BY LISTING SOME BASIC QUESTIONS NATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS COULD DEAL WITH.

(4) THE TOPIC PROPOSED BY CANADA("LAND USE IN RESPECT TO URBAN AND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT") IS AN EXRREMELY UNCLASSIFIED

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INTERESTING ONE. ALTHOUGH A FINAL DECISION HAS NOT YET BEEN REACHED MY AUTHORITIES WOULD LIKE TO BRING UP FOR CONSIDERATION WHETHER THE DISCUSSION OF TWO IMPORTANT TOPICS DURING THE ROUND TABLE WOULD BE FRUITFUL. IT MIGHT BE PREFERABLE TO DEVOTE ONE OF THE NEXT PLENARY SESSIONS TO THE CANADIAN PROPOSAL IN ORDER TO GIVE IT ALL THE MERIG IT DESERVES.END TEXT

3. RE ABOVE FRG VIEWS ON TOPIC PROPOSED BY CANADA ("LAND USE IN RESPECT TO URBAN AND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT"--SEE REF B) WE UNDERSTAND THAT WASHINGTON OFFICIALS SHARE FRG INTEREST IN TOPIC AND AGREE THAT IT WOULD WARRANT PRIORITY ATTENTION ON ITS OWN, PERHAPS AT A LATER PLENARY. THIS WOULD BE GOOD SILUTION, AS

WE SEE IT HERE, WHICH WOULD PROBABLY RECEIVE GENERAL ALLIED
SUPPORT AND GIVE ALL GOOD TOPICS PROPOSED THEIR DUE. UNDERSTOOD
TOO THAT THERE HAS BEEN SOME INFORMAL DISCUSSION ALONG THESE
LINES BETWEEN US (HARRIS/EPA) AND CANADIAN (KEYTE/ENVIR-
OMENT CANADA) OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH PLANNING FOR SPRING PLENARY.
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